



# ***Joint Information Center***

## **Nebraska Emergency Management Agency**

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## **Generator Connections / Safety**

**At the time of the most recent information 6,700 customers are still without power as a result of the winter ice storm that affected Central Nebraska. Questions are being raised regarding safe/proper connection and use of generators.**

### **Homeowners should:**

- Locate generators outdoors, NEVER indoors or outside open windows.
- Only connect individual appliances to the outlets provided on generators.
- Only use extension cords of proper size/length that are safe for the electrical load of the appliance to be served.
- Do not attempt to provide electricity to household wiring through improvised connections made to household wiring circuits.
- Do contact your electrical supplier PRIOR to having any generator connected to household wiring.
- Do have a proper disconnect switch installed in accordance with the guidelines of your electrical supplier and the National Electrical Code.
- Do have connections to your household wiring made by a licensed electrician.
- Do make sure that the generator to be used is sized appropriately for the load (electricity needed) to supply the items which you will need to power.
- Do make sure that functional battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in use.

Additional guidance and points of contact for individual Public Power District suppliers may be made through phone or web sites. A list of the Public Power Districts involved and their points of contact follow.

<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>WEB ADDRESS</b>
CEDAR – KNOX P.P.D.	402-254-6291	<a href="http://www.cedarknoxppd.com/">http://www.cedarknoxppd.com/</a>
CORNHUSKER P.P.D.	800-955-2773	<a href="http://www.cornhusker-power.com/">http://www.cornhusker-power.com/</a>
DAWSON COUNTY P.P.D.	308-324-2386	<a href="http://www.dawsonpower.com/">http://www.dawsonpower.com/</a>
ELKHORN RURAL P.P.D.	800-675-2185	<a href="http://www.erppd.com/">http://www.erppd.com/</a>
HOWARD – GREELEY RURAL P.P.D.	308-754-4457	No Website
LOUP VALLEYS RURAL P.P.D.	308-728-3633	No Website found
NEBRASKA P.P.D.	877-275-6773	<a href="http://www.nppd.com/">http://www.nppd.com/</a>

NORTH CENTRAL P.P.D.	800-578-1060	<a href="http://www.ncppd.com/">http://www.ncppd.com/</a>
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA P.P.D.	800-750-9277	<a href="http://www.nnppd.com/">http://www.nnppd.com/</a>
SOUTH CENTRAL P.P.D.	800-557-5254	<a href="http://www.southcentralppd.com/">http://www.southcentralppd.com/</a>
SOUTHERN NEBRASKA RURAL P.P.D.	800-652-2013	<a href="http://www.southernpd.com/page1.html">http://www.southernpd.com/page1.html</a>
TWIN VALLEYS P.P.D.	800-658-4266	<a href="http://www.twinvalleysppd.com/">http://www.twinvalleysppd.com/</a>